

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Daggett County Commission/Redevelopment Agency Board held on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019** in the Commission Chambers at the Daggett County Courthouse. Commissioners Randy Asay, Jack Lytle and Matt Tippetts were present. Auditor/Recorder Keri Pallesen, Attorney Niel Lund, and Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond were also present. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Commissioner Asay.

Also present: Mayor David Coombs, Council members Gretchen Northcott, Bill Rylander, Greg Scott, Randy Browning, and Clerk, Marlina Connor from the Town of Manila, Mayor Buddy Rogers, Council members Dave McDonald and Harriett Dickerson of Dutch John Town Council, Butch Johns, Jerry Steglich, Sgt. Travis Dupaix, Chad Reed, Laurie Brummond and Kevin Yack of the Uintah Basin Association of Governments.

Issue Updates: Commissioner Lytle said he went to the Ad-Hoc Water/Sewer meeting with Dutch John last night and they will meet on Mondays and also maybe on Wednesdays too. Butch Johns was elected to be the Chair or Facilitator, and he came over yesterday to get more educated on the process. There are a number of people involved.

Citizen Comments: None were given today.

Approve Minutes: The Minutes from the February 20, 2019 meeting were available from the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Commissioner Lytle motioned to accept the Minutes for February 20th and Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The Open Invoice Register Was Presented For Review And Approval: The Invoice Register of February 25, 2019 for \$41,187.25 was prepared by the Auditor/Recorder's Office. Commissioner Tippetts made the motion to accept the Invoice Register of February 25, 2019 in the amount of \$41,187.25. Commissioner Lytle seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Disbursement Listing: The Auditor/Recorder's Office provided the Disbursement List. Commissioner Lytle made the motion to accept the County Disbursement Listing Report for February 20 through February 25, 2019. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Cash Summary: Commissioner Lytle made the motion to accept the Cash Summary Report for February 25th, 2019. Commissioner Tippetts seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Correspondence: Commissioner Asay said he had received some correspondence from the Department of the Interior and there's a need to do something with our water. Commissioner Lytle said he had talked with Representative Scott Chew to see if there might be a chance to get some additional water. Jerry Steglich said there is a Date of Proof of Use coming up in a few years. The Canal company has found the water rights they were looking for so they are not looking for the

water at the moment. Commissioner Lytle said that we need to get with our attorneys on this and make sure we don't miss some opportunities.

Commissioner Asay said he also received information from the Ogden Pioneer Days, and they are looking for our nomination of the County Cowboy of the Year. Commissioner Asay brought up the name of Don Proffit who passed away recently.

Commissioner Tippetts talked with Bryan and Jerilynn Smith to sponsor their wagon in the Golden Spike Celebration, and the Commissioners will ride in it. We could help with some of their expenses and find a banner to promote the County.

Commissioner Lytle mentioned the discussion he had set up with Senator Lee's staff down at the Legislature and Commissioner Tippetts and his wife as well as Brian Raymond also attended. They discussed the effects of the large federal ownership of land and all the other issues we are dealing with.

There was also correspondence from Rocky Anderson re: a suit regarding medical marijuana and TriCounty Health is involved and asked for our input.

Commission Calendar Review: No calendar discussion was held today.

Weekly Budget Review: No budget was available for discussion today.

Policy and Legislation Items from the Posted

Agenda:

Discussion And Consideration Of EMS & Fire Local District: Commissioner Asay opened the discussion, and the Town of Manila Council was welcomed and given a chance to call a special meeting of the Town Council and everyone introduced themselves for their record. Randy Browning said that he feels that things are working well for the Town of Manila Fire Department as they are now, so he would like to see what the benefit is of jumping into this. Commissioner Asay turned some time over to Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond to explain that this is an effort to bring dedicated funding for Fire and EMS to help improve things and alleviate tax burdens, or shift them to areas where there are additional needs. Gretchen Northcott said there is a bill in the Legislature to allow municipalities to tax for Fire, but the County cannot do this at this time. The Fire District would allow for the sharing of personnel and getting coverage, but there are worries from current firefighters that they would not fit into the new system. Sgt. Travis Dupaix stepped in and gave input saying this would help give additional staff that could get better organized and apply for grants that we have been missed in the past. Mr. Rylander said the mandate should be to decrease response time and increase performance for both Fire and EMS. One of the main problems is that the EMS does not earn enough money and this is a big problem. Mr. Browning stated that 93% of the Manila Fire calls are in the unincorporated area of the County. Commissioner Lytle said that the goal should be to consider other avenues regarding a District. Commissioner Tippetts said that we realize the County is not giving enough at the current time. Sgt. Dupaix talked about the EMS Certification and few

people want to be EMT certified, but maybe EMR certified, which is similar to the old First Responder Certification, which Randy thought that could work. Our EMTs are not fire certified. Commissioner Tippetts asked if there is a benefit to being a combined group or to be individual entities. Greg Scott said that he has been working together with the County and he will take a call wherever it is. Gretchen Northcott said that she is not for or against this, but where do we go from here and what are the pros and cons for going with a Local District. It was suggested that we form a committee and determine if this is something worthwhile. Commissioner Tippetts said we first have to convince ourselves before we can convince the public to sign a petition or vote for this. So how do we start by forming a committee? Who should be on it? It was suggested that we have one elected official and one fire person or EMS person from each entity. Suggested members were Gretchen Northcott, Randy Browning, Matt Tippetts, Travis Dupaix, Butch Johns and someone from Dutch John Town Council, plus someone from Greendale perhaps, and meet on March 19th. Mayor Coombs said that we have enough bad press and this idea of working together would be a good step. Commissioner Asay said this could benefit every resident in the County. Sgt. Dupaix brought up

Duchesne, and they meet together but they are not united. The people are volunteers and they don't have any incentives. Uintah has funding to pay their people and they are incentivized to learn and grow. There is also an issue with EMS as the new entity would need to apply with the State to be an approved provider.

Discussion And Consideration Of Fire Services Agreement With The Town of Manila:

Commissioner Asay gave Gretchen the floor, and she talked about the agreement made in 1986 and renewed in 2017. The initial fee was \$3,000 and now thirty years later, it is only \$2,000 more and the original agreement was for the costs to be covered. The amount being paid for is not meeting the amounts being paid. Last year the cost for fire services to the Town of Manila was up to \$41,000. The Town is being double taxed for this, as they pay Town taxes and County taxes. The County brought up the coverage for the Sheriff's Office and the funding is the same issue as the Town is experiencing. There is more discussion that needs to be held, but with the Public Hearing scheduled for at 11:00 am we will have to meet about this another time. The Town Council adjourned their meeting at 11:01 am, and the Commission took a recess. The meeting was called back to order at 11:14 am for the Public Hearing

Uintah Basin Association of Governments Public Hearing For Community Impact Fund

Board (CIB) Capital Improvement List Prioritization: Commissioner Asay allowed everyone to introduce themselves, and Laurie gave a request to hold an aging meeting for the Towns and County on March 19th at 1:00 am. She said they would like to add more services. Commissioner Asay read an introduction with guidelines for the Hearing. Kevin Yack introduced himself during the reading as the person to get the applications to when submitting to the CIB. Commissioner Lytle read through the 1 year projects for the County, including the Centennial Rodeo. Jail Improvements was clarified as a grant at \$100,000. The Natural Gas Study was moved to the 2-5 year list. Laurie asked about the

jail status, and the Commission is looking to keep its options open as it is has been listed, and we would look to get the jobs replaced somehow. UBAOG would be willing to help find additional funding. Commissioner Lytle started the 2-5 year list and said the Broadband was #1, and it is more for the current project, but there was discussion was that it now needs to be dispersed to the residents. Mayor Coombs said that he was told that Strata would be going to the School only, but Commissioner Lytle thought the Clinic's Telehealth connection was also included, but we'll have wait to see.

Commissioner Tippets is part of the Special Service District #1, and their 1 year is in process and can be removed, and the two projects on the 2-5 year plan should stay on and were lowered to a Medium priority instead of High priority.

Chad Reed spoke for the Flaming Gorge Road and Transportation Special Service District, and they are facilitating the SITLA Easements, and the easements will belong to the entity where the roads are located. The Browns Park Road Phase V has been completed, but Phase IV has not. Mr. Reed said that we need to change Phase V to be a chip seal in the next 3-5 years for the eastern side of the County including Dutch John, and Mayor Rogers was invited to have somebody attend the District's Fall meeting, and Mr. Reed said he will send them a reminder before hand.

Mayor Coombs addressed the Manila Town projects and Commissioner Lytle pointed out that these planning projects would require a 50/50 match/grant. Laurie Brummond explained how that works with CIB. The Water and Sewer Improvements Project may be what's in process now, but it was left on the list since Mayor Coombs wasn't sure. The Fire Truck is still a desire. The Trash Truck maybe should be a trackhoe, but CIB won't fund equipment. The Water and Sewer System Improvements are currently being worked on, but there is probably more work to be done. The Water and Sewer planning could be funded half through CDBG and half through CIB. The other projects were left as they were written. SCIC was not addressed even though Commissioner Lytle is on that Board.

Mayor Rogers discussed the Town's Projects, and they will need a new building. It will be a Multi-purpose building which will cost around a million dollars. The Town also needs to add Emergency Vehicles. The town really needs a Fast Response Vehicle and a Brush Truck, which will run about \$500,000. The road repair includes taking the gravel out of the storm drain line. The General Plan update was upped to \$150,000 with CDBG doing half, and a CIB grant for the other half. The #4 Road Repair was moved to 2-5 year plan to tie in with the Flaming Gorge Transportation District. The 2-5 year list has the Municipal Office Building which could be combined or on its own. The Antelope Flat Ramp Road is on there, so Daggett County, the Forest Service and the Road District are all part of the equation. They would like to see the symphony play with the reservoir in the background. The next two were the airport improvements in Dutch John and the spelling of the word "airport" needs corrected. Commissioner Lytle motioned to approve the changes made to the Capital Improvement List as amended. Mayor Rogers seconded the motion.

Discussion And Consideration Of Budget Committee Process And County Business License Requirements And Applications: Commissioner Lytle motioned to table both items.

Commissioner Tippets seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lytle made the motion to adjourn at 1:14 pm.

/s/ Jack Lytle

/s/ Brian Raymond

/s/Matt Tippets

/s/ Randy Asay